URBAN HORTICULTURE PRESENTS . . .

Spring 1986

Center for Urban Horticulture / Washington Park Arboretum / University of Washington

CENTER NEWS

Spring is Busting Out All Over

Join in the continual expanding array of horticultural experiences at both the Center for Urban Horticulture on Union Bay and the new Visitor Center in the Washington Park Arboretum. A special invitation is extended to join the throngs at our Arboretum tours—Sundays at One, Tuesday Noon Picnic Tours, Thursday Evening Twilight Tours and Monthly Explorer Walks. It might be helpful to call ahead (543–8800) so we'll have enough guides. And don't miss any of the special activities—Visitor Center Dedication Week (April 19–25, 1986), Early Rhododendron Show (April 5–6), Primrose Show (April 19), Puget Sound Bonsai Show (May 10–11), N.O.H.S. Fern Sale (June 12–14) and Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale May 7–8, 1986. Of course there is an expanded array of lectures, classes and other activities.

John A. Wott
Professor of Urban Horticulture

Visitor Center Dedication

The long-awaited Visitor Center in the Washington Park Arboretum will be officially dedicated during a week of activities beginning on Saturday, April 19, 1986. The building, a gift of the Arboretum Foundation, will contain offices, meeting rooms and serve as the information focus in the Arboretum. Each day there will be special activities, plant lectures, and demonstrations, tours and special refreshments. Specific details will be announced later, but mark your calendars now.

Saturday, April 19	1:00 p.m. Dedication Ceremonies
Sunday, April 20	Family Walk-A-Thon
Monday, April 21	Rhododendrons
Tuesday, April 22	Native Plants
Wednesday, April 23	Horticultural Exhibit Day
Thursday, April 24	Color for your Garden
Friday, April 25	Japanese Garden

Specials by Horticultural Organizations

Mark your calendars now for several special activities. The early Rhododendron Show featuring specimens of early flowering rhododendrons will brighten the CUH Conference Hall April 5–6. Here's an opportunity to chat with area rhododendron experts. On April 19th, the Primrose Show will be in full bloom. And for Mother's Day (May 10–11, 1986) the Puget Sound Bonsai Society will display all types of bonsai specimens. For those interested in plant sales, don't miss the N.O.H.S. Fern Sale (and much more) at the CUH on June 12–14, 1986 and the Annual Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale at the new Visitor Center May 7–8. An unusual treat will be Christopher Lloyd's lecture June 3 sponsored by N.O.H.S.

Elisabeth C. Miller Library News

Spring is the perfect time to browse through seed and garden catalogs, and we now have over 300 catalogs on file in the library for browsing and reference. There's also an "Exchange Basket" full of donated copies and extra copies which you may feel free to take and keep.

Thanks to a gift from Pendleton Miller for book purchases, many exciting new books are being received, such as Sandved's *Leaves, Collector's Alpines,* and *The World of Bamboo*. Many other individuals and plant societies have also made donations. We have recently received Fred Galle's new *Azaleas*, a gift of the Lake Washington Garden Club in memory of Mrs. Gladys Corneliussen.

The library could use a few additional volunteers for the summer, both for specific projects and for general assistance. If you have an interest in seed catalogs, computer typing, or processing new books with labels and plastic covers, and if you can volunteer at least twice a month, please contact Laura or Valerie at 543–8616.

Try Something New for Spring

Get to know the Center from the inside. Our reception desk needs volunteers to answer the phone and assist the secretaries. It's an excellent way to become familiar with our operations here and at the Washington Park Arboretum. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in the new Washington Park Arboretum Visitor Center.

With the demolition of the old Arboretum offices and the creation of the new CUH facility, our need for volunteer historians has grown. We have historical photos, slides, drawings, and artifacts that need careful sorting and compilation. One or more volunteers who can contribute this valuable service are eagerly sought.

For further information or an appointment, call Van Bobbitt or Becky Johnson at 543–8616.

Plant Sale

Free catalogs for the spring plant sale of the Arboretum Foundation Unit council are available. The 39th annual sale, to benefit the Washington Park Arboretum, will be held there May 7 and 8.

Catalog users can pre-order until April 18, from a listing of hundreds of choice garden plants in a wide range of sizes and prices. A $5 deposit will hold the order for pick up the first day of sale.

To request a catalog, mail name and address with two 22-cent stamps (no envelope) to the Arboretum Foundation, c/o University of Washington XD–10, Seattle, WA 98195.

WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM TOURS

There is no better time to visit the Arboretum. Everywhere you see flowers—magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas, and more! So plan a visit this spring and join one of our guided tours.

The following tours are FREE and begin at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Reservations are *not* required. Call 543–8800 for more information.

Sundays at One

Every Sunday from 1:00–2:30 p.m. during April, May and June. What better place to spend a Sunday afternoon?

Picnic Tours

Every Tuesday from 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m. during April, May and June. Bring a lunch and picnic in the Arboretum after the tour.

Twilight Tours

Every Thursday from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in May and June. (*no* Twilight Tours in April). A great way to relax at the end of a hectic workday.

Explorer's Walks

—for the plant enthusiast.

From 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month—April 23, May 28, and June 25. These walks are led by the Arboretum Naturalist.

Mailing List Update

If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, *check the date on your address label.* If your label is dated prior to June 1, 1985, *your name will be removed from* our list *UNLESS* you return the form (below) now, or call 545–8033.

Please keep my name on the mailing list:

Name_____

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MAIL TO: Continuing Education, Center for Urban Horticulture, GF–15, U of W, Seattle, WA 98195.

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Pre-registration is required. Most courses are offered at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Participants will be notified of meeting places for tours, field sessions, and lectures when they register. Registrations are confirmed by mail.

Japanese Landscape Design

Introduction to Japanese Gardens with emphasis on plants and symbolism. Includes lectures and a walk through a Japanese Garden. Mr. Barnhill is a horticulturist, student of Japanese culture and a former resident of Japan.

INSTRUCTOR: David Barnhill
DATES: Tuesday, April 8, Thursday, April 10, 7 to 9 PM, and Saturday, April 12, 9 to 11 AM.
FEE: $25 **LIMIT:** 20

Skagit Valley Flower Tour

Brilliant fields of floral color, fine nurseries, and bulb demonstration gardens await spring visitors to the Skagit Valley. Join us on this mid-week tour of the Mount Vernon Tulip Festival. Transportation is included.

INSTRUCTOR: Van Bobbitt
DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 8:30 AM to 5 PM.
FEE: $30 **LIMIT:** 20

Selection and Establishment of Apple Trees

A properly established young fruit tree will bring years of beauty and fruit to your landscape. Learn the best apple varieties that can be grown in the Puget Sound area. Discuss the selection from local nurseries, proper planting techniques, training, and pruning. Emphasis on the first year after planting.

INSTRUCTOR: Tom Berry
DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 7 to 9 PM.
FEE: $10 **LIMIT:** 25

Bonsai Workshop

A hands-on class where students may begin a bonsai from a new nursery plant or restyle a bonsai they already own. Basic forms and advanced refinements will be covered.

INSTRUCTOR: Leo Cunningham
DATES: Saturdays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24, 9 to 11 AM.
FEE: $40 **LIMIT:** 20

Dahlias in the Garden

A fun introduction to the growing of Dahlias. Study the classification, uses, culture, and propagation of this garden favorite. Lectures include information on specific varieties for the PNW, area demonstration gardens, and Dahlia show schedules. There will be a workshop on the digging and storage of tubers.

INSTRUCTOR: Willis Collins
DATES: Tuesday, April 15, Thursday, April 17, 7 to 9 PM and Saturday, April 19, 9 AM to Noon.
FEE: $27 **LIMIT:** 25

Bird Identification for Beginners

This course is designed to help the inexperienced birder recognize western Washington's spring birds and the ecosystems where they are likely to be found. Visit several areas of shoreline, as well as stream, lake, and forest habitats. Help will be given in choosing and using field guidebooks and binoculars and in establishing feeding stations. Dress for weather.

INSTRUCTOR: Merilyn Hatheway
DATES: Saturdays, April 19, May 3 and 17, 9 to 11 AM.
FEE: $20 **LIMIT:** 20

Walking Tour of Historic Queen Anne Boulevard

Learn the history and present-day plans for trees on Queen Anne Hill on this springtime walking tour. The Boulevard was planted 60 to 80 years ago and is now a historic landmark. Discuss the community and Park Department ideas for new planting and restoration. Learn how to identify these trees, their suitability as street trees, and how they affect the urban environment.

INSTRUCTOR: Gayle Walters
DATE: Saturday, April 26, 10 AM to Noon.
FEE: $10 **LIMIT:** 2(

ASSOCIATED HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Several horticultural and plant-related societies hold regular meetings at the Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) and Washington Park Arboretum (WPA). The following calendar lists their public activities. For more information, charges, etc., please contact the appropriate representative or call CUH at 545-8033.

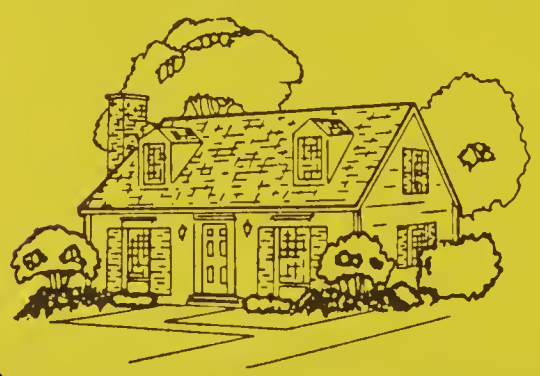
DATE	FUNCTION	LOCATION/COST	TIME
April 5-6	SEATTLE RHODODENDRON SOCIETY & RHODODENDRON SPECIES STUDY GROUP Early Rhododendron Show Contact: Lynn Watts—641-1458	CUH/free	10:00 AM-5:00 PM
April 7 May 5	N.W. ORCHID SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: David Edgley—246-1589	CUH/free	7:00 PM
April 7 May 5	KING COUNTY IRIS SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: Debbie Cole—643-0627	CUH/free	7:00 PM
April 9	ARBOR DAY FESTIVITIES Contact: Visitor Center—543-8800	WPA/free	10:00 AM
April 17	SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB meeting and luncheon Contact: Suzanne Peterson—325-4510	WPA/membership	11:00 AM
April 10 May 8 June 12	AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY N.W. CHAPTER monthly meeting Contact: Pat Bender—364-1561	CUH/free	7:40 PM
April 14 May 12 June 9	SEATTLE ROSE SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: Prentice Johnson—523-0244	CUH/free	7:30 PM
April 15	BELLEVUE BOTANIC GARDEN SOCIETY "Broad-leaf Evergreens of the NW" with George Pinyuh Contact: Mrs. Iris Jewett—455-9203	CUH/free	7:30 PM
April 16	ARBORETUM FOUNDATION UNIT COUNCIL LECTURE "Kitchen Herbs and their Uses" with Mrs. John Bogdan Contact: Arboretum Foundation Office—325-4510	WPA/free	7:00 PM
April 17 May 15 June 19	SEATTLE CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: Irene Johnson—525-3176	CUH/free	7:30 PM
April 19	DEDICATION—VISITOR CENTER Contact: Arboretum Foundation Office—325-4510	WPA/free	1:00 PM
April 19-25	DEDICATION WEEK ACTIVITIES Contact: Arboretum Foundation Office—325-4510	WPA/free	Daily
April 19	WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER AMERICAN PRIMROSE, AURICULA AND PRIMULA SOCIETY Primrose Show and Plant Sale Contact: Larry A. Bailey—774-7528	CUH/free	9:30 AM
April 26-27	SOGETSU SCHOOL OF IKEBANA exhibition of Ikebana—Sogetsu School Contact: Shelly Pierce—325-2366	CUH/free	12:00-5:00 PM 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
April 28	PUGET SOUND BONSAI ASSOCIATION quarterly meeting Contact: Glenn Gardner—524-8045	CUH/cost	6:30 PM
April 30 May 1, 2	SNOQUALMIE DISTRICT, WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS Contact: Mrs. Joann Goldman—362-3201	CUH/cost	8:30 AM-4:00 PM
May 5-16	WASHINGTON INSTITUTE training sessions Contact: Reid Kenady—788-5161	CUH/cost	8:30 AM-5:00 PM
May 7-8	ARBORETUM FOUNDATION PLANT SALE Annual plant sale Contact: Arboretum Foundation Sale—325-4510	WPA/free	12:00 noon-7:00 PM
May 10-11	PUGET SOUND BONSAI SOCIETY EXHIBIT Annual Show and Plant Sale Contact: Mary McDiarmid—325-5062	CUH/cost	10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Garden Renovation and Design for the Homeowner

I. GARDEN RENOVATION

Does your garden suffer from overgrown plants? This workshop will teach you to improve the beauty of your garden through pruning. Active participation is required, bring your own tools and dress for the weather. Questions, discussions and demonstrations round out this hands-on workshop. Participants interested in having the demonstration at their home should call Jan Davis at 545-8033.

INSTRUCTOR: Daphne Lewis
DATE: Saturday, April 26, 10 AM to 3 PM
FEE: $20, ($35 for Sessions I & II) **LIMIT:** 20



II. LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Having trouble deciding what to plant in your garden? This course will help you create a functional, aesthetic design for your garden. Lecture, slide show, and discussion are combined with group work. Students will be able to put ideas on paper and begin to design their yard.

INSTRUCTOR: Daphne Lewis
DATES: Tuesday, April 29 and Thursday, May 1, 7 to 9 PM.
FEE: $20, ($35 for Sessions I & II) **LIMIT:** 25

Japanese Pruning

Learn the aesthetics and techniques of Japanese pruning for landscape plants. Includes a lecture, a tour of a Japanese Garden, and an outdoor demonstration. Participants interested in having the pruning demonstration done at their home should call Jan Davis at 545–8033.

INSTRUCTOR: David Barnhill
DATES: Wednesday, May 14, 7 to 9 PM, Saturday, May 17, 9 to 11 AM and Saturday, May 24, 9 AM to Noon.
FEE: $30 **LIMIT:** 20

Spring Flower Photography

Sharpen your photographic skills in time for spring bloom. Learn the tricks of the trade from this well-known nature photographer. Includes a lecture, field session and a follow-up class for critiques and questions.

INSTRUCTOR: Bernard Nist
DATES: Thursday, May 15, 7 to 9 PM, Saturday, May 17, 9 to 11 AM and Thursday, May 29, 7 to 9 PM.
FEE: $20 **LIMIT:** 20

Spring Wildflowers of Eastern Washington

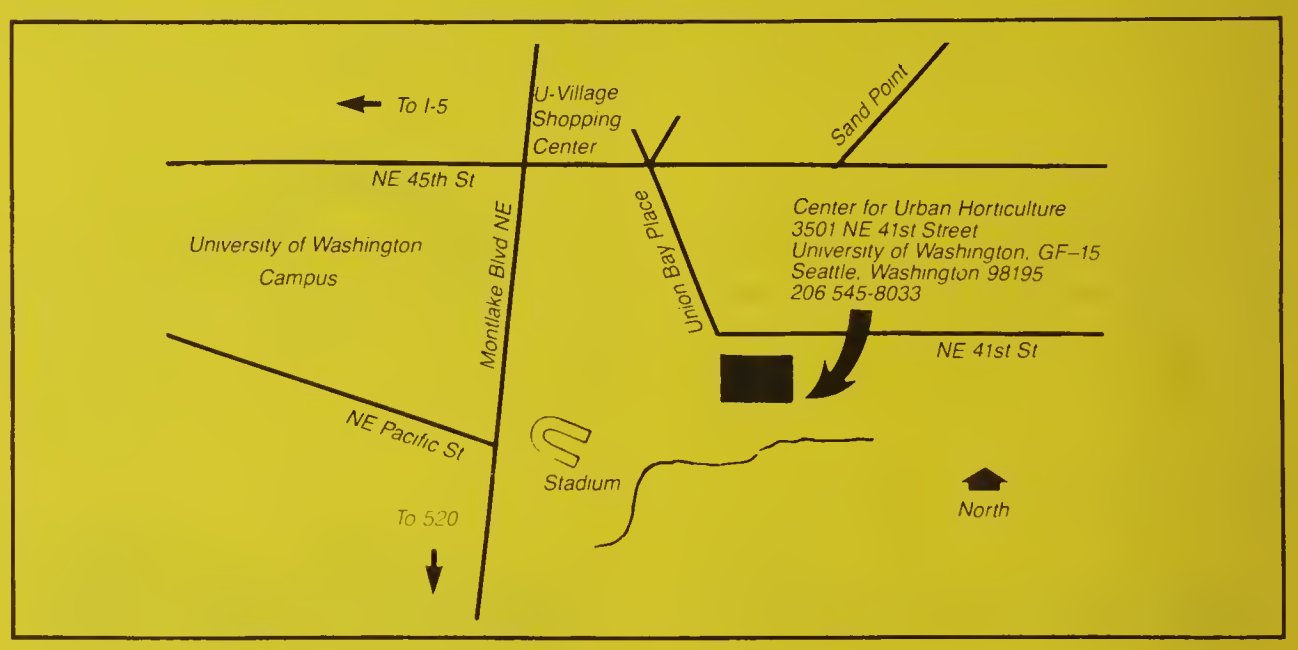
From the forests of the Cascades to the desert flora of the Columbia River, join us for this springtime tour. Several short stops will allow the visitor to enjoy the seasonal beauty of spring. Bring a lunch and your walking shoes. Transportation is included.

INSTRUCTOR: Jan Pirzio-Biroli
DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 8 AM to 6 PM.
FEE: $30 **LIMIT:** 20

Miniature Roses

Learn how the delicate beauty of miniature roses can improve your patio, garden, and home. This class will give a brief introduction to the history and culture of these dainty plants. Propagation, pest control, containers, over-wintering, and general care will be covered. Lecture includes slide show and handouts.

INSTRUCTOR: John Frost
DATE: Thursday, May 22, 7 to 9 PM.
FEE: $10 **LIMIT:** 25



REGISTRATION FORM

Urban Horticulture Courses

COURSE	FEE	NAME(S)	TOTAL
			$

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR $_____

Make checks payable to the University of Washington. Bank cards are not accepted. Registrations are filled in the order they are received. Enrollment in all classes is limited. Classes fill rapidly, so early registration is a must.

Refunds: Requests for refunds must be made in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from the first class meeting will have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after the first class meeting.

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Urban Horticulture Courses, GF–15
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

A Gift of Learning: Give a Gift Certificate in the amount of one of the courses.
Call Jan Davis for details.
For more information, please call 545-8033.

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

These lectures are offered as a free service to the public and cover a wide range of horticultural interests.

The Plant Enthusiast

Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM VISITOR CENTER.

Arbor Day Special: Trees for the Urban Landscape

April 9

Celebrate Arbor Day at the Arboretum with a program on choice trees for the urban landscape. This will be followed by a "tree tour" in the Arboretum at 11:30 AM. Literature on the care of landscape trees will also be available.

Variegation & Variation in the Plant World

May 14
By Jean Witt

Genetic mutation and other factors often result in variations that are prized in horticultural plants. Special attention will be given to patterns of variegation in flowers and leaves.

Slugs—Soft Bodies in a Hard World

June 11
By Dr. Ingrith Deyrup-Olsen, Professor of Zoology, University of Washington.

The slug is despised by most gardeners, but do they really understand this poor, lowly animal? For the rest of the story hear Dr. Deyrup-Olsen describe the slug's anatomy, lifestyle, enemies, and purpose in the ecosystem.

Plants & Gardens of the World

Third Monday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 PM at C.U.H.

A View of the Russian Botanic Gardens

April 21

Harold B. Tukey, Jr., Director of the Center for Urban Horticulture, recently visited arboreta and botanic gardens in Moscow, Kiev, Yalta, Sochi, Batumi, and Sukhumi. He toured as a guest of the U.S.S.R.'s Academy of Science.

The Natural (and Unnatural) History of Panama

May 19

Dr. Clement Hamilton and his wife, Karen Krager, relate their experiences of 1982-3, when he was a plant collector in Panama for the Missouri Botanic Garden. The rich native flora will be emphasized, along with aspects of the country's history and native cultures.

Turkey—Past and Present

June 16

Jeanne and Art Gardiner explored Turkey's remote Aegean coastline, including many of the offshore islands. See the flora and antiquities they found in this fascinating region.

The Master Gardener

Friday Evenings, 7:30-8:30 PM at CUH

Practical gardening information presented by the WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY MASTER GARDENERS.

Best Perennials and Annuals for Northwest Gardens

April 11

By Loretta Green. Find out which perennials and annuals have proven most dependable in the Puget Sound area. Also learn how to plant your garden for continuous color.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Fuchsias

May 9

By Patricia Moody. How do you keep fuchsias flowering through the growing season? Which varieties perform best? How can you successfully overwinter them? Find out from an expert; Pat Moody is past-president of the Northwest Fuchsia Society.

Vegetable Gardening for Year-Round Harvest

June 6

By Patricia Roome. Continue to harvest vegetables from your garden right through the fall and winter. It is possible if you start planning now.

Brown Bag Garden Talks

First and third Wednesdays of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 PM at the HUB.

A service to the campus community. Cooperatively sponsored by the CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE and the WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY MASTER GARDENERS.

Introduction to Rhododendrons

April 2

By Robin Knudson, Center for Urban Horticulture.

The Perfect Lawn—Lush, Green and Weed Free

April 16

By Hal Harrison, W.S.U. Master Gardener

Garden Soils—The Hidden Story

May 7

By Roger Kjelgren, Center for Urban Horticulture.

How to Control Moles in Your Garden

May 21

By Patricia Field, W.S.U. Master Gardener

Summer Pruning

June 4

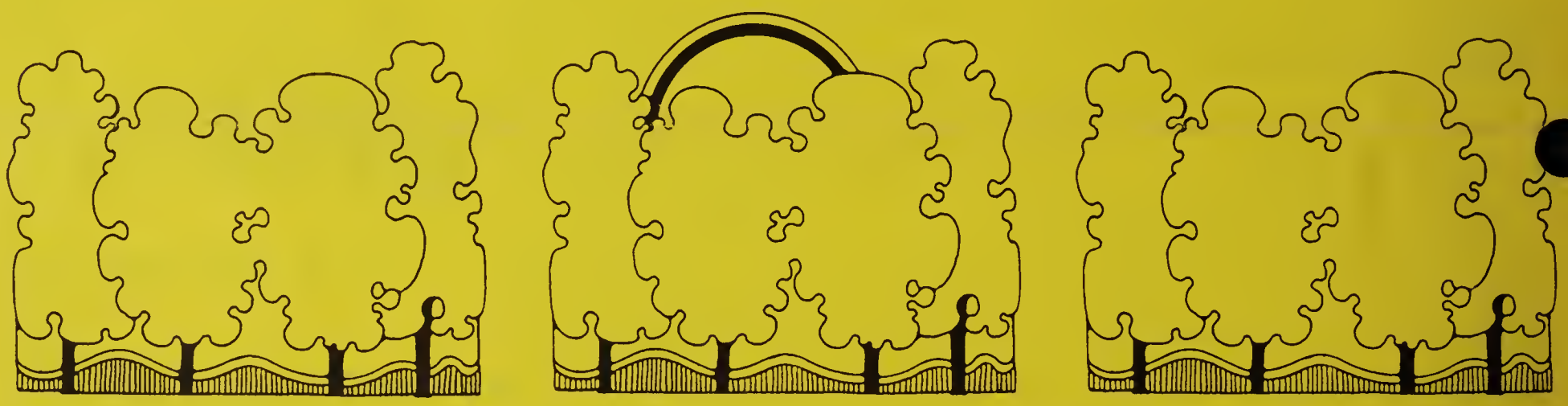
By John Hushagen, Center for Urban Horticulture

Common Gardening Mistakes

June 18

By Van Bobbitt, Center for Urban Horticulture

May 19	PUGET SOUND BONSAI WORKSHOP featuring Tosh Saburomaru Contact: Mary McDiarmid—325-5062	CUH/cost	12:30- 4:30 PM 6:00-10:00 PM
May 20	PUGET SOUND BONSAI ASSOCIATION featuring Tosh Saburomara Contact: Mary McDiarmid—325-5062	CUH/cost	6:00-10:00 PM
May 21	ARBORETUM FOUNDATION UNIT COUNCIL LECTURE "Flowers for Cutting" Contact: Arboretum Foundation Office—325-4510	WPA/free	7:00 PM
June 3	NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY LECTURE "Gardening at Great Dixter" 15th Century family home in East Sussex, England Christopher Lloyd Contact: Shirley Gorman—525-7008	CUH/cost	10:30 AM
June 10	ARBORETUM FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING Contact: Arboretum Foundation Office—325-4510	CUH/membership	5:00 PM
June 13, 14	NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Fern Sale Contact: Sue Olsen—747-2998	CUH/free	9 AM-4 PM Daily
June 13	NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY "British Ferns and Their Habitat" featuring Chris Page Contact: Shirley Gorman—525-7008	CUH/cost	8:00 PM



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